

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesies extended by examiner Lee during a brief telephone conference with Applicants' representative on December 15, 2006.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 17, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-5, 8-44 and 46-54. Applicants note that process claims 1-5 were inadvertently omitted from Group I, but as confirmed by the examiner, should have been included.

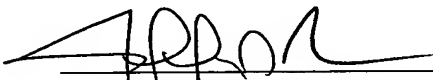
The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #101249.55458US).

Respectfully submitted,

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